

Postscript ---

AFTER SIX YEARS AS CONFERENCE MINISTER

The final word should always be an encouraging word. Western languages are replete with phrases that express the sense of continuing concern which transcends the present separation. After six years among the good people of the Central Pacific Conference, we cherish the opportunity to speak an encouraging word to all the members of the Conference churches.

We say "good bye". That is really a prayer which commends us all to God's sustaining care. The French say the same with "adieu", the Spanish is "adios", the Germans use "Gott befohlen". A time of parting is a time to emphasize our continuing relationships in the strengthening fellowship of God's people. Periods of insecurity and doubt cannot erase the validity of such an expression. A fundamental element in the Christian faith is the acceptance of a sense of divine providence. We cannot move beyond the golden circle of His loving care.

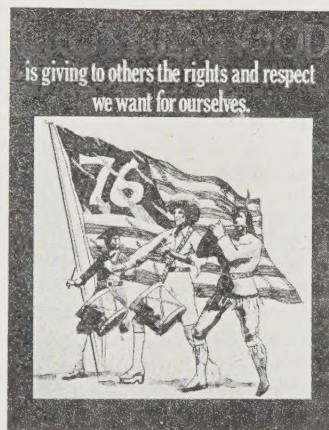
A fond departure carries implications of reunion. The church is an illustration of the uniting and reuniting of people who could be readily subject to the frustrations of separation if the reality of God's Spirit were not present and active. The bond of fellowship continues. So we say in the vernacular, "I'll be seeing you." Even the word farewell (fare thee well) implies "until we meet again." The French say "au revoir" and the Germans, "auf Wiedersehen". The good experiences that build the fellowship are never lost, for they continue to pave the way for reunion, and to prepare us for developing growing relationships with new friends.

The Apostle Paul established close ties with an amazing variety of people, and devoted his considerable talents to helping them discover bonds of unity which transcended every distinction of class and nationality. His zeal for proclaiming the love of Christ which removes all human barriers could not be dampened by distance or imprisonment.

The United Church of Christ has an opportunity to fulfill this apostolic mission in our time. It will find its vitality in the fundamental truth which transcends human differences. It will encourage people of good will to weave the tapestries and compose the symphonies which enrich human life on God's earth. It will use its God-given insights and resources to exemplify the apostolic affirmation, "Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Clara and I have appreciated the innumerable kindnesses, the thoughtful counsel and the encouraging cooperation we have enjoyed during the past six years. We want this word of farewell and gratitude to be an encouraging word that says, "God be with you."

Shalom,
R. H. Huenemann





OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION GIVING

OREGON

	Received as of May 31	
	Basic OCWM	Other Support
Albany	\$ 125	\$ 56
Ashland	400	194
Astoria	0	137
Beavercreek	400	70
Beaverton	2,500	876
Butteville	0	0
Cascade Locks	17	0
Clackamas	80	160
Condon	919	241
Corvallis	2,500	1,319
Elliott Prairie	48	59
Enterprise	0	120
Eugene	3,630	0
Forest Grove	5,325	927
Gaston	180	165
Gresham, Zion	889	137
Hillsboro	825	420
Hood River	920	0
Hubbard	250	224
Ione	680	92
Jennings Lodge	0	78
Klamath Falls	129	43
Lake Oswego	538	305
Lincoln City	1,090	133
Medford	150	0
Milton-Freewater:		
Ingle Chapel	300	240
United	250	0
Milwaukie	479	247
Portland:		
Cedar Hills	3,007	0
Ebenezer	0	0
First	3,383	1,688
Highland	133	0
Hillsdale	1,800	1,133
Parkrose	1,750	650
Rivercrest	744	165
St. Andrew's	260	0
Second	338	205
Trinity	279	110
Waverly Heights	709	368
Salem, First	3,029	448
Salem, Knight Mem.	867	214
Scappoose	0	0
Smyrna	527	160
The Dalles	0	0
Tillamook	0	366
Wilsonville, Meridian	225	165
	\$ 39,676	\$ 11,916
White Salmon, Wn.	\$ 133	\$ 45

IDAHO

	Received as of May 31	
	Basic OCWM	Other Support
American Falls	\$ 37	\$ 247
Boise, First	1,793	1,322
Boise, Wright	1,530	646
Challis	75	0
Grand View	125	0
Idaho Falls	116	0
McCall	250	229
Mountain Home	500	398
Nampa	750	300
New Plymouth	263	258
Payette	0	34
Pocatello	1,000	379
Rockland	100	0
Weiser	97	0
	\$ 6,637	\$ 3,811
GRAND TOTALS	\$ 46,446	\$ 15,772

17/76 CAMPAIGN MOVES TOWARD SUCCESS

The task is not complete, but progress on the 17/76 Campaign is recorded each month. Pledges in Oregon and Idaho total \$85,553, and of this amount \$ 47,082 has been received as of May 31, 1976. To date 39 congregations have participated in the campaign and 25 have not. Some of those are planning a solicitation later this year.

Nationally goals of over thirteen million have been adopted, with over nine million pledged and approximately five million contributed. The objective of the campaign is to pledge seventeen million by the end of 1976 for minority education. Approximately 75% is contributed to six colleges related to the United Church of Christ through the American Missionary Association, 20% is assigned to overseas schools related to the UCC Board of World Ministries, and 5% is designated in Central Pacific Conference for minority scholarships at Pacific University, Forest Grove.

COVELLS HONORED AT BEAVERCREEK

The Rev. Clarence L. Covell was guest of honor at worship services in Ten O'Clock Church of Beaver-creek in celebration of his fiftieth year of ordina-tion to the ministry and his recent 86th birthday. He took part in the leading of the worship, and during dinner with the congregation he gave a brief resume of some of his experiences in the min-istry. Mr. Covell was elected by his many friends to the honor of Pastor Emeritus upon his retirement in 1965 after having served as pastor of the church for 12 years. During the dinner hour Deaconess Mildred Weitzel presented him with a purse in recognition of his past service to the church and the community. Rev. and Mrs. Covell are enjoying their retirement at Woodburn Senior Estates.

CEDAR HILLS CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

A gala birthday party at Cedar Hills was celebrated on June 6. The Rev. Walter McGettigan received the title "Pastor Emeritus" and preached the anni-versary sermon. "Walt" was the founding pastor of the Cedar Hills Church and served there for 22 yrs.

The events of the day included burying of a time capsule by the junior boys and girls, to be opened on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary, a time to share reminiscences and an all-church family picnic.

At age 25, Cedar Hills is a vigorous congregation providing active leadership in its own community and in the Conference. Congratulations!

FAITH CHURCH CONCLUDES 12 YEARS OF SERVICE

During the past year and a half Faith Church, Port-land, has been meeting as a house church in the parsonage on 151st Street, N.E. After the Rev. Clark N. Ross resigned to accept a call to the Church of the Master in Dallas, Texas, the congre-gation voted to dissolve. The Ross family moved to their new place of residence in April.

Faith Church was launched as a mission of the United Church of Christ in 1963. At one point in its history it had 140 members. The church building was sold two years ago, after some years of gradual decline in membership.

The Conference Board through its Investment and Property Committee is in the process of selling the parsonage. After remaining obligations are met, the proceeds of the sale will be assigned to select-ed projects, as may be determined by the Confer-ence Executive Board.

During the twelve years of its history, the congre-gation was an active sponsor of the Sno-Cap and the Eastmont Christian Cluster, and for two years housed the East County Child Care Center.

UCC MEMBERSHIP EXCHANGE

Beginning this summer, a United Church of Christ family that moves will be contacted by a UCC pastor within thirty days of arrival in its new neigh-borhood. This contact will result from a new experimental Membership Exchange Program. The Membership Exchange plan will be initiated by the local pastor from whose parish the family has moved and will be set in motion by a standard information postcard sent by the pastor to the Conference Office serving the family's new community. It is estimated that up to 20,000 UCC families move annually and could be benefited by this program.

The Council of Conference Executives has provided the postcard to all Conference Offices. These, in turn, have supplied the cards to every congregation for use by pastors. There will be an annual survey of results and a final evaluation completed prior to the Twelfth General Synod.

WHAT IS WHEAT?



The WHEAT symbol repre-sents an effort on the part of church members to be informed and involved in the World Hunger issue. It is a volunteer, ecumenical program sponsored in the Central Pacific Conference by the Mission & Outreach Department. Brochures describing the program are available in quantity upon request from the Confer-ence Office.

The Local Scene

Rev. Richard A. Christensen of Wray, Colorado, has been called to serve the church at Klamath Falls. He will serve as Christian Education Director with several Presbyterian congregations in the area as well as providing pastoral leadership for the UCC congregation.

After six months' delay resulting from a disastrous fire, construction of Zion Church Gresham, has been resumed. The insurance settlement provides for restoration of the partially completed building.

A "Rock for Hunger" at Parkrose raised over \$1,200 for One Great Hour of Sharing. Fifteen youth and the pastor participated in the 48-hour event, which attracted TV coverage on two Portland stations.

The old church bell at Bethel, Beaverton, will be in place on the tower of the present church before July 4, when it will be heard for the first time since it was removed from the former church.

Rev. Fred Luchs is concluding an interim pastorate at Medford this month. Rev. John Flucke, well-known retired leader and former member of the UCC Executive Council, has agreed to serve the church at Lincoln City for a month while Rev. and Mrs. James Jones are on vacation.

Rapid progress is reported on the construction of a new parsonage at Milwaukie. The spacious home is located on the plot behind the church school rooms.

Waverly Heights Church, Portland, has received a complete interior paint job. Most of the work was donated by members of the congregation.

An expression of deep appreciation
from Mr. Ed Johns

to all who supported the recent appearance of the Huston-Tillotson Choir in Oregon. It was enriching to become acquainted with students from one of the colleges supported through the 17/76 Campaign.

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Remember

June 19 - EXEC. BOARD MTG.

- FAREWELL FOR THE
HUENEMANNS at Pacific
University, Forest Grove.

Sept. 10-11 - DEPTS. MEET
(Details to be arranged.)

Sept. 24-25 - FALL COUNCIL
MEETING at Condon.

Oct. 8-10 - WORKSHOP ON
WORSHIP, Vancouver, Wn.

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